

2004 Tornado Fatalities

During 2004, tornadoes in the United States caused 35 deaths. This number of deaths is down 19 from the 2003 total of 54 and down significantly from the 10-year average of 57. Tornado deaths declined in the last 8 years and remain below the 30-year average of 65 per year. In a departure from previous years when mobile homes were the most dangerous place to be, 43% of deaths occurred in permanent homes, 29% in businesses and 23% in mobile homes in 2004. Fatalities were fairly even between the sexes with slightly more males victims, 18, than female, 17. Victims spanned the age ranges from 30-89 fairly evenly.

2004 TORNADO FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BU</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
FL	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	6
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
IL	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
IN	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
LA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MO	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	7
MS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NC	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
NE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TX	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
WI	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	10	0	8	0	0	15	0	2	35
PERCENT	29	0	23	0	0	43	0	6	101*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

2004 TORNADO FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	1	0	0	1	3
10 TO 19	0	1	0	1	3
20 TO 29	0	2	0	2	6
30 TO 39	3	1	0	4	11
40 TO 49	1	4	0	5	14
50 TO 59	1	4	0	5	14
60 TO 69	3	1	0	4	11
70 TO 79	4	1	0	5	14
80 TO 89	3	3	0	6	17
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	1	1	0	2	6
TOTAL	17	18	0	35	99*
PERCENT	49	51	0	100	

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

BU - Business
LS - Long-Span Roof
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
SC - School
VE - Vehicle